

City of Muskegon

DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS

December 31, 2003

DATE OF INCORPORATION

As Village	July 8, 1861
As City of Fourth Class	March 27, 1869
As Home Rule City	October 6, 1919

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Commission-Manager

AREA

18.99 square miles

MILES OF STREETS

197.96 miles

NUMBER OF STREETLIGHTS

3,123

FIRE PROTECTION

Number of stations	3
Number of firefighter and officer positions	42

POLICE PROTECTION

Number of stations	1
Number of sworn officer positions	83

WATER SERVICE

Number of consumers	14,917
Average daily consumption	9,453,000 gallons per day
Water mains	193.66

SEWER SERVICE

Sanitary sewers	175.33 miles
Storm sewers	178.57 miles

LEISURE SERVICES

Number of parks	64 (701 acres)
Lake Michigan beaches	119 acres

FULL-TIME POSITIONS

Classified service	275
Exempt (management)	19
Total	294

ELECTIONS

Number of registered voters	23,904
Number of votes cast:	
Last general election	4,325
Last city election	4,325
Percentage of registered voters voting:	
Last general election	18%
Last city election	18%

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POPULATION

2000 Census	40,105
1990 Census	40,283
1980 Census	40,823
1970 Census	44,631

MEDIAN AGE

32.3

AGE DISTRIBUTION

Under 18 years	10,340
18-65 years	24,788
65 years and over	4,977

RACE AND ORIGIN

White	24,309
Black	12,701
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	418
Asian or Pacific Islander	195
Hispanic	1,078
Other	1,404

HOUSING UNITS

Total units	16,019
Owner occupied	8,070
Renter occupied	6,700
Vacant	1,249

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE

Total households	14,569
Families	8,535
Nonfamily households	6,034

ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$75,000 or more	5.0%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	8.0%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	13.0%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	18.0%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	22.0%
\$7,500 to \$14,999	26.0%
Under \$7,500	8.0%

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FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Mercy General Hospital	2,400
Hackley Hospital	1,300
Muskegon County	1,300
Muskegon Public Schools	1,000
Sappi Paper Company	550

OCCUPATION

White Collar	48.0%
Blue Collar	52.0%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (CITY)

1994	9.3%
1995	8.6%
1996	8.1%
1997	6.6%
1998	5.8%
1999	6.2%
2000	6.1%
2001	9.3%
2002	12.1%
2003	13.9%

EDUCATION LEVEL

High School Diploma or Higher	68.7%
College Degree or Higher	8.2%

MUSKEGON PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

1996-1997	7,022
1997-1998	7,116
1998-1999	6,954
1999-2000	6,788
2000-2001	6,761
2001-2002	6,603
2002-2003	6,327
2003-2004	6,088

SOURCES: City of Muskegon Operating Departments, U.S. Census Bureau, Muskegon Area Intermediate School District, Michigan Department of Career Development.